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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Madam:

In response to the official action mailed November 13, 2008, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.